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COMFORT FOR SIMPLETONS.

THIS talk of showering the Germans with millions of copies of President Wilson's speech and thus starting a revolution is sweet bosh. That his terms are eminently just and the world innocent of the usual diplomatic camouflage is no reason to believe the German soldier will seize them as they flutter to earth, feverishly read them, and then proceed to shoot his officers. Imagine a German airplane flying over New York—or Nevada, for instance—dropping the latest declarations of Von Kuehlmann that the allies are fighting for imperialistic reasons and that a continuation of the war will be entirely on their shoulders. Well, millions could be scattered in this state, until the hills and flats and gulches were white with them, and it would in no degree depress our morale. Of course, Wilson's declarations are true—the German airplane propaganda would be the usual untruths, but think you the German fighter who has been bunched into thinking he is fighting a war of defense is logician enough to recognize the truth in the words of the leader of an enemy nation? Simple souls think of simple remedies; however, the war isn't a debate. War comes only when the nations believe debate would be futile. War is proving an argument by the weight of the fist. Shot and shell and trinitrotoluene comprise the propaganda necessary on the western front, a prescription that must be repeated until definite peace negotiations are entered into.

A RED CROSS MAN ON RUSSIA.

FEW, we feel sure, will accuse William D. Thompson, head of the American Red Cross in Russia, of being pro-German or a wild-eyed radical. He returned to this country last week. Yesterday he said of Wilson's speech: "President Wilson has adopted not only the people of Russia, but the remarkable program of the Russian democracy that this war shall not end in conquest; that there shall be no annexations; that there shall be no indemnities; that there shall be no commercial and capitalistic fruits of victory and that the peace terms shall leave each nation looking the other in the face as a group of fair-minded men might look one another in the face, and from the time of signing the protocol go forward undisturbed by wars. I believe there is much good in the Bolshevik program and that entirely too much attention has been paid in America to reports that Maximalist leaders are in German pay, and that the government organized at the Smolny institute is really an agent of the German general staff. This is not the case. I shall not discuss individuals, but the majority of the leaders are honest, well-meaning Russians, many of them very practical and clever men. It is probable that they have actually started a movement which will result in peace for the world."

POOR JUDGMENT.

OUR idea of a poor judgment is an announcement that the submarine peril has definitely vanished, followed by an urgent plea for 96,000,000 bushels of wheat and the news that submarine losses have greatly increased. What good can come out of fake optimism? Temporarily the people are cheered by reports of victory; the reaction, if the news proves false, is worse than it would have been had the straight facts been told at first. Great Britain lost eighteen merchantmen of more than 1600 tons last week, three ships under that tonnage and four fishing vessels. The previous week Great Britain lost eleven ships of 1600 tonnage. The submarine peril has not been conquered. A method of eliminating the menace of the submarine absolutely is no longer hoped for, if, indeed, it ever was by those well informed. The divers can be fought by strong convoys for cargo ships and by building more and more ships. We are probably holding our own against them, which is something. It is idle to talk of having accomplished their defeat while such reports as last week's are made public.

THE LIGHT THAT FAILED.

VERY significant of defeat are the multiplying signs that the German philosophy of "might is the only right" is being repudiated by them. Thinkers who affirm that force makes right—that there is no such thing as an absolute morality, existing in itself and not man-established—do not try desperately to shift the moral blame for the use of force. And that is what many of Germany's leaders are trying to do. Russia is told: "If you now make war upon us the blood is on your hand"; and the allies are told the same. The German rulers have had their fill of crime; their philosophy has proven brass; they are troubled with a desire to be good. Defeat is on the way—not tomorrow or next month, but in the next year or two.

Some weeks ago we were informed that the government had set the price of silver. Rumor said the price was "about \$1 an ounce." We are still waiting patiently official announcement of the price. In the meantime silver seems to want to go up toward 95 and better, indicating that the price set is as rumored.

The San Francisco Chronicle gets the idea: "The kaiser has conquered Russian soil, but Russian revolutionary ideas are conquering the kaiser's people, and when that invasion is complete Wilhelm will be consigned to a home for superannuated despots."

CLIPPED AND CREDITED.

If thirteen states hold out for rum, the nation's drought will never come.—New York Sun.

Expelled from the old Jerusalem, the Germans are by no

means certain of ever reaching the new.—Anaconda Standard.

By the terms of the Bolshevik-German armistice agreement the Russians quit and the Germans do the rest.—New York World.

Congress persists in its policy of cruel and unusual punishment toward La Follette by refusing to put him on trial.—New York Evening Post.

But wouldn't our governmental red tape make fine defensive entanglements if it could be placed about the front line trenches?—Chicago Daily News.

PETROGRAD PAPER INDULGES IN RAILLERY AT RADICAL OFFICIALS

(Correspondence Associated Press.)

PETROGRAD, Dec. 15.—The Bolshevik newspaper indulges in sarcastic railery at prevailing conditions by propounding a number of problems in the form of arithmetical exercises. Here is one of the problems:

"In the city of A the public prosecutor, B, arrested the suspicious individual, C. On the following day the Bolshevik, D, arrested the prosecutor, for which reason D was in turn arrested by the temporary government commissioner, E. Thereupon F, the chairman of the revolutionary committee, arrested E. How far down the alphabet will the arrests reach in twenty-four hours, and how long will it be before persons whose names begin with X and Z are arrested?"

Another is: "A Bolshevik delegate departs from the city of A to attend a democratic conference. A Menshevik delegate leaves the city B at the same time to attend the same conference. When will these delegates start pulling each other's hair and how many resolutions will they propose?"

SPOKANE CHAPTER.

(By Associated Press.)

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 12.—The Spokane chapter of the Red Cross carries on its membership roll two Angora cats and a bulldog. Likewise, it numbers among its supporters an automobile.

The two Angora cats joined because all the other members of the family of Thaddeus S. Lane already were affiliated with the Red Cross, and Mrs. Lane wished to aid further the membership campaign. The bulldog, which belongs to Mrs. John Huns, was given a membership because of the good work being done by Red Cross dogs on the western front, its mistress said.

As for the automobile, its owner signed up for it when his excuse that all the members of his family already had joined the Red Cross was not accepted as grounds for immunity, by enthusiastic campaigners.

COLD CHRISTMAS.

HONOLULU, Dec. 25.—(By mail.)—Christmas eve in Honolulu was the coldest night of the year, the thermometer dropping to 64.9 degrees. The coldest night for December in the local records was 55, and the coldest night ever officially recorded here was one in February, when the thermometer went to 52.

JAPS IN HAWAII.

HONOLULU, Dec. 24.—(By mail.)—The annual report of the governor of Hawaii shows that the number of Japanese in this territory has increased notably in the last seven years. In 1910 there were 79,674 here, while the figure for 1917 is 102,479. Hawaiians, on the other hand, have decreased in the period from 26,941 to 23,450.

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NO BIG SALARIES WILL BE PAID BASEBALL PLAYERS NEXT YEAR

(By Associated Press.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 12.—

The annual "holdout" session in which baseball players of more or less repute threaten to buy a cigar stand, swing a pick or engage in other pursuits unless given substantial increases in their contracts, will not be held in the Pacific Coast league this year, according to all indications. The holdouts in the Pacific circuit, if there are any, will be told to take or leave the salary offered them, and if they choose to leave their contracts will doubtless be torn up. There will be no dickering or petting, the magnates say. The spirit of retrenchment is in the air, and far from receiving a raise many of the diamond favorites will have to accept a cut.

Every club in the league, Sacramento particularly, is combating the corner lot diamonds for material, because they must have it cheap. Sacramento has a whole new club to build up, and the foundation and most of the superstructure of that club is to be built of green timber.

So the "Cack" Henleys and the Hartman Carrys will be in the discard this season. The magnates contend that the average ball player ought to be glad he had a job, while Mars is at the bat. Many a good player is fighting for a contract at a living figure, they contend, so they do not see the necessity of padding the pay envelopes of any of their hired help.

(By Associated Press.)

SAN JOSE, Cal., Jan. 12.—Pitcher

Floyd, a member of the hurling staff of the all-army team at Camp Fremont, is a world record holder. Floyd made his mark in the Orient, where he pitched nine consecutive no-hit, no-run games against opposing teams during a tour of the island and the entire Orient, according to members of his team. Floyd is a hot weather pitcher, according to his teammates, and being a little out of practice has not been started against an opponent since the team was re-organized at Fremont.

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HENEY GUBERNATORIAL BOOM TO BE LAUNCHED

(By Associated Press.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 12.—

An independent movement to obtain the governorship of California for Francis J. Heney, who came into prominence as a prosecutor in the municipal graft cases eleven years ago, will be launched in Los Angeles next week.

Heney's consent to run, it was said, has not been received.

The movement originated among Progressives, according to announcement, and has received pledges of support from men high in power among the Democratic and Republican organizations.

Heney is in St. Paul in connection with his work as a special investigator for the federal trade commission.

MORE PAY FOR TOMMY.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Jan. 12.—British fighting

men are to get an increase in pay which will amount to 65,000,000 pounds in the first year and 69,000,000 in the second. The "shilling a day" soldier is no more. The new scale of pay provides minimum rates of pay for the soldiers as follows: Privates, 1 shilling 6 pence a day; lance corporals, 1 shilling 9 pence a day; corporals, 2 shillings a day. The new regulations provide for an extra penny a day for each year's service.

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